

SNAINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th December 2021 in the Reading Room commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr T.P. Abbey (Chairman); Cllr P Mainprize; Cllr H Tyson; Cllr J Harber;
Cllr D. Jeffels (NYCC & SBC); J Ingham CPFA (Clerk & RFO).

Apologies for absence: - Cllr N Binks (vice-Chairman); Cllr H Phillips (SBC).

Absent: - no-one

1146 Cllr Terry Abbey opened the meeting and thanked members present for their attendance.

1147 Apologies and the reason for absence provided by Cllr N. Binks had been received prior to the meeting. *The apologies were noted, and the reasons for absence were formally accepted by the Council.*

1148 Declarations of interest: None declared

1149 Minutes of the meeting held on 8th November 2021 were presented and were agreed as a true record.

1150 Matters arising: None.

1151 The Police report was considered, and the improvement in the numbers was welcomed. The report was noted.

1152 Open Forum:-two residents gave presentations on possible future use of the land at Wydale Rise, subsequent to their informal public meeting in the Village Hall.

Key points raised in the first presentation included the following: -

- Children's play area; tree area, including fruit trees; walkways through using wide steps; and a seating/BBQ area.
- Cost was anticipated to be in the order of £10 to £15k, with the bulk being grant funded.
- Access would be from both the top and lower Wydale Rise roads, but there was concern that the top Wydale Rise doesn't have a footpath, and is quite narrow with cars etc being parked. *Cllr Jeffels offered to take up the issue of 'loose' or insecure kerbstones with NYCC highways.*

Key points raised in the second presentation included the following: -

- Simple grassed area for communal use; play area;
- The area would need a retainer wall at the top side due to the insecure kerbs, and lack of footpath, using post etc and the hire of a mini-digger at a possible estimated cost of, say £2,500.

The Council noted these ideas, and reiterated that, until the Council has control over the land it remains with Beyond Housing. Additionally, given the anticipated election in May 2022, and the consequential formation of a new Parish Council with a 5-year term, that any substantive decisions should be left for that new Council to determine.

1153 The Borough and County Councillors present gave a report summarising current matters at their Authorities. The following are some specific points: -

Cllr Jeffels (NYCC & SBC)

- Scarborough BC (and NYCC) and now focused towards the creation of the new North Yorkshire Council (NYC) and therefore that is a priority. The Council is also focussed on the current Omicron variant of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Cllr Jeffels will be meeting NYCC Highways representative shortly and will mention the impasse with the concept of a footway provision at Barker's Lane.
- There were some concerns expressed that the removal of the large conifers on the south side of the A170 at the western end of the village had had a perverse impact of increasing speeds due to improved visibility.

1154 Planning applications: -

NYM/2021/0903/FL; Construction of access and forest road to harvest timber at Cockmoor Hall Plantation located west of Wellspring Farm, Sawdon.

The Council resolved that it has no objections to this application.

21/02205/FL; Alterations to dwelling and attached former stables, conversion of former barn to domestic garage, refurbishment of and erection of replacement stables.

53 High St. Snainton YO13 9AN

The Council resolved that it has no objections to this application.

21/01983/FL; Change of use of paddock to allow siting of 3 shepherd's huts for holiday letting, formation of parking and turning area and associated footpath. Retention of timber gazebo.

The Old Hall, West Lane, Snainton YO13 9AR

The Council resolved that it has no objections to this application.

1155 The Council received a verbal report from the Clerk outlining current knowledge about the creation of the North Yorkshire Council (NYC) from 1st April 2023 may cause. Specifically: - The Clerk drew attention to slides 1, and 3 from the recent presentation, which, inter alia, confirmed that any existing contractual arrangements between the District Councils (Scarborough BC) and the parishes would be novated to the new NYC, and they would be guaranteed for the first year, 2023/2024. The Clerk reminded the Parish Councillors that this was no guarantee that the Model Agreement moneys (some £5,500 annually) would not be terminated for the subsequent year 2024/2025, and that future budget processes must be undertaken with this in mind. The Clerk had established that the Model Agreement has, as one would expect, a termination clause which allows termination on 31st March in any year subsequent to 6 months' notice having been given.

1156 Queen's Platinum Jubilee (QPJ) 2nd to 5th June 2022

The treasurer of the QPJ group (and the Village Hall) gave a briefing outlining progress to date with fundraising meeting targets.

Activities on the day are starting to be settled, but the closure of part of Barker's Lane is seen as necessary forte event to be able to spread.

A dedicated email address has been set up; teamsnaintonjubilee@outlook.com and facebook page; @snaintonjubilee.

1157 The Council received a report from the Clerk outlining progress made with various projects, and grounds maintenance works in the village: -

- A quote is being sought from the contractor who removed the Beech tree at the Millennium Green for remedial work to the two oak trees, one at the Orchard, the Millennium Green, and the second east of the bus shelter, north of the A170, adjacent to the Snainton/Brompton boundary. It was proposed that Brompton Parish Council be 'kept in the loop' in respect of the Brompton Oak, seeking a financial contribution from them towards the costs of remedial work.
- Replacement of the Beech tree by a small apple/plum orchard on the Millennium Green is now under way, as waiting for the delayed work on the Oak tree is like waiting for Godot.
- Land at Wydale Rise *No response from Beyond Housing.*
- Additional Footpath at the junction of Barker's Lane and the A170. The distance is c.10metres. NYCC have advised the Council that they have not adopted this proposal. The Clerk has written to NYCC setting out what the Parish Council wishes to do. *A response was received 15th Dec quite simply suggesting that this was impractical and dangerous exiting on to a roadway used for parking vehicles.*

1158 Cemetery

The Clerk presented a brief verbal report outlining the progress with the groundwater consultation being undertaken by DEFRA, and that at least, DEFRA had acknowledged that their proposal of a 5m² minimum plot size would have a significant impact on small cemeteries. This would include Snainton, where the plot size is quite smaller. The Clerk will report the outcome, when known, to a future meeting of the Council.

The Clerk reported on the condition of the blue horizontalis conifer in the first, round flowerbed in the cemetery (area marked as 'parkland') which was 'beyond recovery', and the horizontalis conifer in the second, round bed, which could be recovered from its overgrown state. *The Council resolved that the second conifer be trimmed, and the first be removed, with proposals for its replacement to be considered at a future meeting of the Council. The Clerk was duly authorised to engage suitable contractors.*

The Clerk reported that there had been some interest in having an area of the cemetery solely for the placing of plaques to commemorate deceased person, where they have been cremated and the ashes are not to be interred. *The Council resolved to set aside an area on the south side of the roadway commencing towards its western end, and the Clerk was authorised to create a layout plan for the area and to setting up an administrative process to manage their allocation.*

1159 Reading Room

The Clerk presented a report outlining the progress with the works necessary to the lights in the rear room, and the EICR (Electrical Installation Condition Report) on the whole Reading Room. These works, scheduled for 17th Dec have now been re-scheduled for December 22nd. The Clerk will report to a future meeting of the Council.

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1160 Financial Matters

The Clerk presented a budget for 2022/2023 which was drafted based on the 2022/2023 Council Tax base as advised by Scarborough BC, and also using the precept calculator provided to calculate the percentage change in Council Tax that various levels of precept would generate. The increase in Council Tax base gave scope to increase the cash level of precept without increasing Council Tax bills for residents. *The Council resolved to set a precept of £23,100 which would show on Council Tax bills as a 0% change in Council Tax from 2021/2022.*

The Clerk presented the Schedules of cheque payments for December 2021.

The Council resolved to approve the schedules of cheque payments for December 2021:-

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| i) Administration etc. | £ | 1,390.54 |
| ii) Reading Room (incl. Services & Maintenance) | £ | 486.50 |
| iii) Parish (incl. Services & Maintenance) | £ | 486.60 |
| iv) Cemetery (incl. Services & Maintenance) | £ | 30.00 |
| v) Grants & Donations | £ | 500.00 |

Non-routine accounts for authorisation & payment: - £500 donation to the QPJ committee (Minute 1140; Nov 2021). *The Council resolved to approve this payment.*

1161 Date and time of next meetings:

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| Monday | March 14 th | 7:30 pm |
| Monday | April 11 th | 7:30 pm |
| Monday | May 9 th Annual Parish Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| Monday | May 9 th Annual Meeting of the Council following the Annual Parish Meeting. | |
| Monday | June 13 th | 7:30 pm |